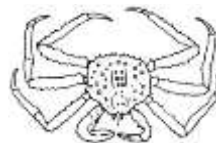

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



Cora Campbell, Commissioner
Jeff Regnart, Director



Contact:
Adam Messmer

Phone: (907) 465-4853
Fax: (907) 465-4944

Juneau Area Office
802 3rd Street
Douglas, Alaska 99824
Date: April 24, 2013
Time: 2:30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB ANNOUNCEMENT SOUTHERN AREA CLOSURE DATE

Douglas . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the commercial golden king crab fishery in the Southern Area will close at 12:00 noon, **Friday, May 3, 2013**.

Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, harvest as of the closure date is expected to reach the 22,000-pound guideline harvest level for the Southern Area. The department will continue to monitor golden king crab harvest levels in the remaining five open areas. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days after the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. All gear must be removed from the Southern Area no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0713.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Wrangell	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801	874-3822	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3255

end